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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the specification as originally-filed.

Applicants respectfully submit new claim 27 which recites *inter alia*, an image correction method that which corrects an image based on preference of a user, comprising:

outputting a predetermined image which is one version of a series of a same image where the series includes multiple versions of the same image with different characteristics and where the one version is favored by a large number of people;

Nothing in the prior art teaches or suggests outputting a predetermined image which is one version of a series of a same image, where the one version is favored by a large number of people. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that new claim 27, which is different from and not narrower then prior filed claims, distinguishes over the prior art and does not include any new matter.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the abovereferenced application.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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